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Appl. No.: 09/286,794 I hereby certify that this paper (or fee) is Applicants: Baer et al. being deposited with the United States Filed: April 6, 1999 Postal Service, first class postage) Title: Motor Shaft Assembly and Method prepaid, addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for TC/A.U.: 2661 Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA Examiner: Steven Blount 22313-1450. Att. Docket No.: 28076/SV703A

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action having a mail date of May 5, 2003, setting a one-month shortened statutory period for reply. Please consider the remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.